

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Amendments

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling use of copying software on a computer, wherein the computer includes a ~~non-removable~~ hardware ID ("HWID"), the method comprising:
accessing a hard-coded identifier within the copying software when the copying software is launched;
accessing the HWID of the computer;
comparing the HWID with the hard-coded identifier; and
proceeding to a copying function only if the HWID and the hard-coded identifier match.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
obtaining the HWID from the computer; and
hard-coding the copying software with the obtained HWID.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the copying software is programmed with a password, the method further comprising:
receiving a password from a user of the copying software; and
proceeding to a copying function only if the received password matches the programmed password.

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